THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION NO. 24215 OF 1997

Date: 13.02.2007

Between:

K. Adisesha Reddy.

... Petitioner

and

The District Panchayat Officer, Nellore, Nellore District and another.

... Respondents.

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ORDER:

The proceedings dated 01.08.1997 of the District Panchayat Officer, Nellore removing the petitioner from service for his involvement in a criminal case is impugned in this writ petition. The petitioner, appointed as P.WS Operator of Pothireddypalem Gram Panchayat in Nellore District, is aggrieved by the order passed by the District Panchayat Officer removing him from service. It is the A.P. Administrative Tribunal, constituted under the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1955 which has the jurisdiction to entertain these disputes. In view of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in **L. Chandrakumar Vs. Union of India**[1] the jurisdiction of the Tribunal has to be invoked in the first instance before approaching this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. On this short ground the writ petition is liable to be dismissed. Leaving it open to the petitioner if he is so aggrieved to approach the A.P. Administrative Tribunal, if he has not already invoked the jurisdiction of the Tribunal earlier, the writ petition fails and is accordingly dismissed.

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Date: 13.02.2007 RAMESH
RANGANATHAN, J

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[1] AIR 1997 SC 1125